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Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
Joint Meeting with Performing Arts Center Board
Monday, October 18, 2010
Board of Education Conference Room

First Selectman Mary Glassman called the special meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6 p.m. Also attending were Deputy First Selectman John Hampton, Selectmen Bob Hensley, Lisa Heavner and Gerald Post. Attending for the PAC Board were Chairman Dave Ryan, Greg Piecuch, Leo Collins, Janet Goman, Ken Mason and Sharon Lawson.

Public Audience – Joan Coe, Whitcomb Drive, addressed the board regarding various topics. Deputy Registrar of Voters Karen Cortes urged the Board of Selectmen to set the special election for filling the Board of Selectman vacancy for March 1, 2010.

Mrs. Glassman moved to item 3 on the agenda to set a date for the special election for the Board of Selectman vacancy created with the resignation of Tom Herlihy on August 20, 2010. Mrs. Glassman explained the memo from Town Clerk Carolyn Keily stated that a petition for a special election was filed with the Town to call for a special election. The Town Clerk recommended setting the date of Tuesday, March 1, 2010 at one polling location, Henry James Memorial Junior High School. The date was also recommended by Registrar of Voters Marge Diachenko and the Deputy Registrar of Voters Karen Cortes. Mrs. Glassman asked what the cost difference was to use one polling place instead of four. Mrs. Diachenko stated the one polling place was allowed by the Secretary of State's office because of the showing of hardship. Mrs. Cortes stated the cost would be about \$3,000 for one polling place compared with about \$12,000 for four polling places.

Mr. Hampton moved to set the special election for filling the Board of Selectman vacancy for March 1, 2010 at Henry James Memorial Junior High School. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Glassman then moved to item 4 of the agenda to discuss PAC Board Governance Report and status of the non-profit fundraising entity. Mrs.

Glassman stated while the board supported raising funds for improvement to the facility, some members expressed concern with having members of the Board of Selectmen also on the non-profit board soliciting donations. Mrs. Glassman also expressed an interest in developing a long term capital plan with priorities for improvements to the facility so the non-profit board would have a priority list of projects and a goal for the amount of money to be raised. Mrs. Heavner also expressed her interest in having a plan before taxpayer money or donated money is accepted as well as a feasibility study of the facility to determine revenue to be generated if improvements were made.

Mrs. Goman stated that her understanding is that the non-profit board would decide what improvements would be made and the board should operate as the friends of the Simsbury Library. Mr. Sawitzke explained that town staff determines the improvements to Town property and the Friends are responsible for donating funds that must be accepted by the Town. Mrs. Glassman informed the board that the Town has received a grant for \$115,000 for improvements at the Center. Mrs. Goman said she would not have agreed to apply for funds for that purpose. Mrs. Glassman stated town staff recommended the project for state funding since it qualified for funding and was an ongoing expense for the Town. Mrs. Glassman asked the PAC Board to submit a list of priorities they would like town staff and the Board of Selectmen to consider.

Mr. Sawitzke said he is working with Gerry Toner, Director of Parks and Recreation to prepare an RFP for consulting services for developing a capital plan and a feasibility study. The board agreed that the Board of Selectmen should set up the non-profit corporation initially with Dave Ryan, Greg Piecuch and Gerry Toner as members.

Mrs. Glassman moved on to PAC Board Alcohol Policy and reported that Town staff felt the current process for permission to have a BYOB event or sale of alcohol request works fine and asked what changes the PAC board was requesting.

Mr. Piecuch indicated that the Zoning Commission was discussing changes to the policy that would make it more burdensome to receive approval. Mrs. Glassman suggested the Board of Selectmen send communication to the Zoning Commission that the current system works fine and suggesting no changes be made. Mr. Ryan indicated the board discussed the possibility of allowing the sale of alcohol by a town approved vendor but there was no specific proposal to accept.

Mr. Collins made a motion to continue the current policy of allowing BYOB

at the Performing Arts Center with permission from the PAC board and the BOS, seconded by Mr. Mason which passed unanimously. Mrs. Heavner made the same motion, seconded by Mr. Hampton and approved unanimously. Mr. Hampton said he favored making a decision on the sale of alcohol on a case by case base. Mr. Hensley said he would also consider the proposal in the future. Mrs. Heavner and Mr. Post said they supported considering a proposal to sell alcohol by a vendor.

Mr. Sawitzke also updated the Board of Selectmen on the rebuilding of the barn which was recently destroyed by electrical fire. He indicated it would cost about \$160,000 to replace which would be covered by insurance. Mrs. Glassman asked whether the Town should consider adding sprinklers or bathrooms. Mr. Sawitzke said he would determine the costs and report back.

Mrs. Glassman moved to item 6 on the agenda with respect to Ticket Network negotiations. Mr. Ryan stated the board had nothing to report.

Mr. Hampton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion and the Board voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman